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**SUBJECT: START, EPA REGION VIII, Contract No. 68-W5-0031, TDD No. 0004-0010
Draft Emergency Response Trip Report, Rico Town Pond site, Dolores County,
Colorado**

Dear Tien:

Attached are two copies of the draft trip report for the Rico Town Pond site. On April 13, 2000, UOS START was tasked by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide technical assistance to the On-Scene Coordinator in conjunction with an incident involving the release of heavy metals from a water treatment settling pond into the Dolores River. The release occurred at the St. Louis Tunnel Mining property located in Dolores County, near Rico, Colorado.

Activities related to this event included site reconnaissance, surface water and sediment sampling, and historical research related to site operations. Field activities were conducted on April 14, 2000. Photographs taken during field activities as well as analytical results related to this event are included in this report.

This document is submitted for your review and comments.

If you have any questions, please call me at (303) 291-8239.

Very truly yours,

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